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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

The Applicant is responding to the office action dated May 18, 2005, and filed this paper concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

**Written Request Pursuant to 37 CFR '1.136(a)(3):**

Please accept this authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time for its timely submission as though the reply incorporates a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.